



KICKAPOO CAVERN STATE PARK

BACKGROUND

Kickapoo Cavern State Park contains 6,400 acres in Kinney and Edwards Counties, 23 miles north of Brackettville. Located in the southernmost extension of the Edwards Plateau region, the park includes a mixture of live oak, Ashe juniper, mesquite and large stands of pinyon pine. The park has good populations of white-tailed deer, feral hogs, and Rio Grande Turkey and provides habitat for several species of special interest including White-winged Dove,

Montezuma Quail, and Black-capped Vireos.

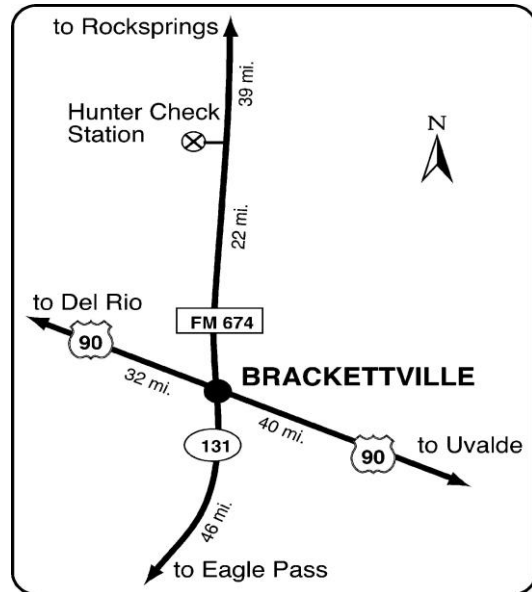
Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.

HUNTING INFORMATION

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

We request permitted hunters report to the Check Station located 3.5 miles inside the park entrance by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby hunters should report to the park by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit. Following a brief orientation, hunters will be directed to pre-selected compartments by Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel. Hunters will take their personal vehicles to the assigned compartment. Portable blinds may be brought for personal use. There are no hunting blinds available. Vehicles with high clearances and/or 4-wheel drive are recommended. For more information about hunting on this Park call (830/563-2342). Participants in gun deer hunts must wear a minimum of **400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material**, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and **orange headwear**.

- Only one legally permissible weapon per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Use of dogs is prohibited.
- **Baiting is prohibited.**
- **Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts;** except a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted disabled hunter.
- **Youth Hunters** are reminded to **bring identification** and their **Hunter Education card** if certified.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in Brackettville and Rocksprings.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a **valid Texas Hunting License**, any required as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. License sales may not be available on the area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. **Hunter Safety Education is required** of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor



Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring water, food, flashlight, and foul weather gear.

- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited. Unauthorized entrance into caves is prohibited.
- The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.
- Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited, except by disabled persons with physician's letter.
- A camping area is available for permitted hunters. Campgrounds, commercial lodgings and other facilities are available in Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, and Rocksprings. Only ground fires in fire rings provided will be allowed, except for when a burn ban is in effect (call the park for updates at 830-563-2342). Commercial lodging is available in Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, and Rocksprings.

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